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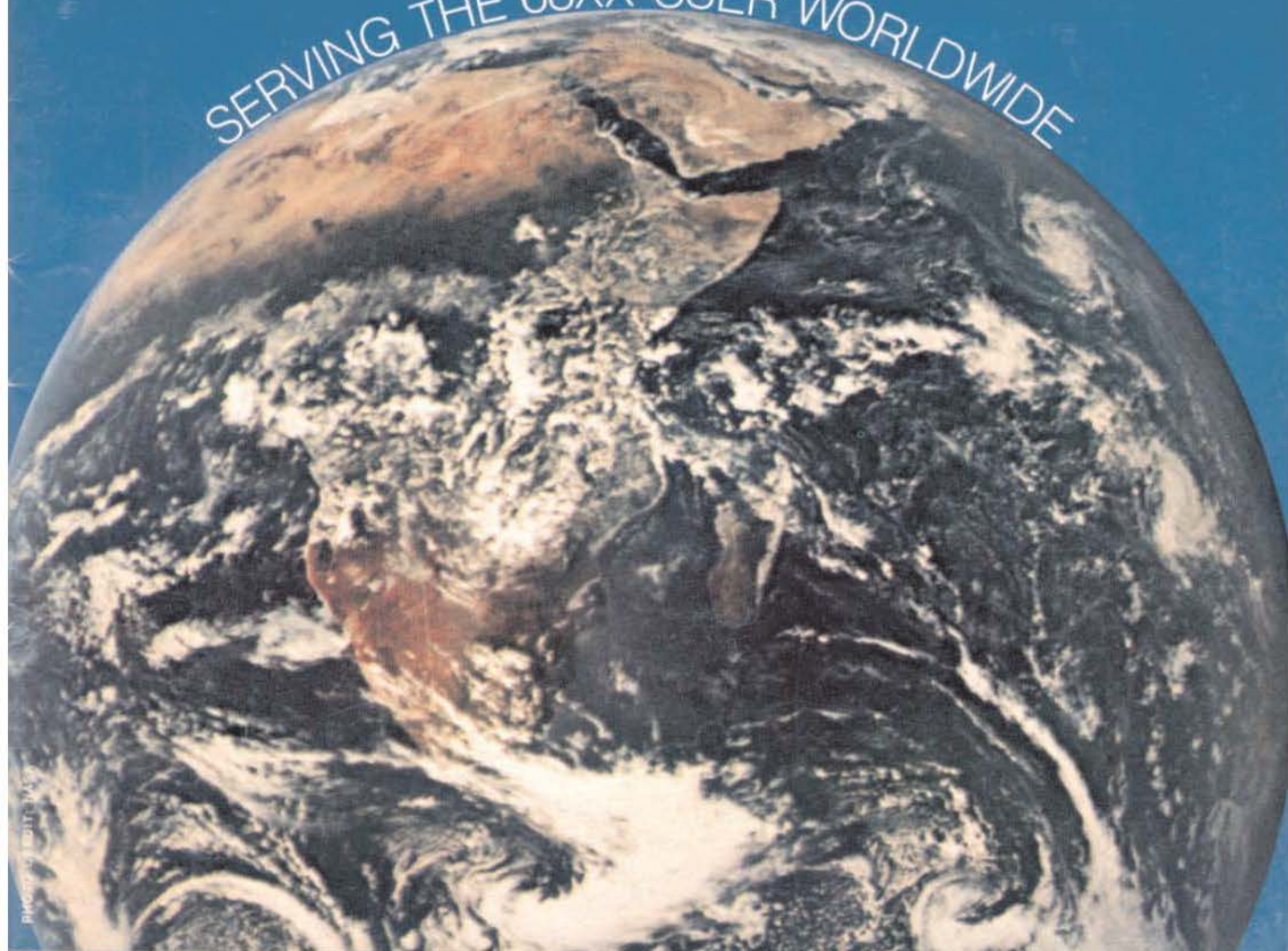
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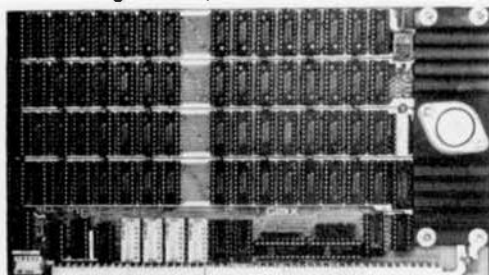
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DATAMAN is on hand in final testing. The manual has all but the tutor section done. We hope to ship by mid February.

NEP for the 6809 is done and in final testing. The manual and 6800 code should be done by March 1. Thanks to Dale Puckett for the help in getting this very powerful program done.

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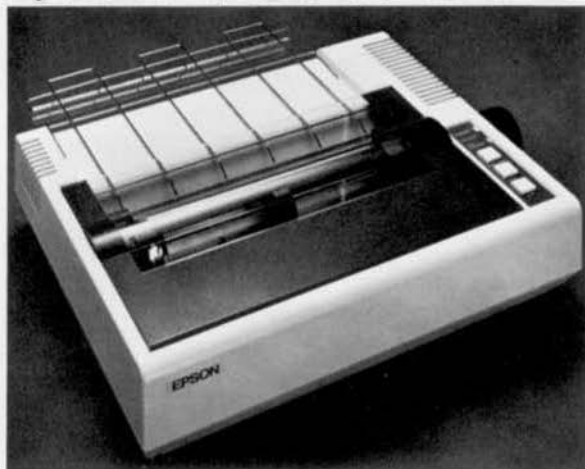
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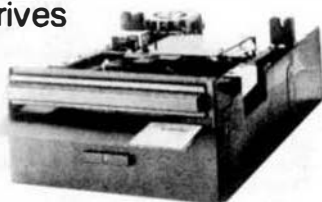
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Flex User Notes

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COMPILERS COMPARED

A few months ago, I wrote a thing on "The Perfect Compiler". Since then, none has arrived that meets all the criteria put forth there. This time, I have some hard data that will allow comparison of some of the compilers available for the 6800 and 6809. I've not distinguished here between the '00 and '09 versions, since most are available either way, and the results (contrary to Motorola's pitch) are not very different anyway, partly due to the fact that most of the 6809 versions are simply reassembled 6800 code that has not been rewritten to take advantage of the 6809's instruction set.

There are a couple of factors involved in deciding how "efficient" a compiler is. The size of the required runtime package is one of them. In case you came in late, a runtime package is a body of program that contains subroutines etc. used by your "user" program when it is run. The second is of course, the size of the user program generated from your higher level language input. A look at the data will show that, again, there is no one "best" compiler. My "test" program is one that finds the prime numbers from 1 to a limit specified by you. The integer compilers usually limit this upper number to less than 32767. The test run times are for finding the primes from 1 to 1000. There are 169 prime numbers in this range. The times listed include printing the numbers on my CRT at 9600 baud. The situation is further obscured by the fact that some of the compilers have a "fixed size" runtime package and others have variable packages most allowing you to specify which parts you need in several "chunks". For example, STRUBAL+ allows you to leave out the Floating point Arithmetic package if you only need Integer, and to delete the Scientific function package too.

COMPILER	PRIME	BYTES/PAGE	RUNTIME SIZE
PASCAL*	12 SEC	504	6500 BYTES
STRUBAL	12 SEC	1155	4400
SD BASIC	33 SEC	535	9000
TSC "	43 SEC	Interpreter for comparison	

FOLLOWING ARE INTEGER ONLY COMPILERS

A/BASIC	4 SEC	965	384 BYTES
SPL/M	6 SEC	797	NONE BUT USES FLEX
FORTH	12 SEC	500	8000

* Pascal is Lucidata compiler.

Software Dynamics takes first place for the largeness of its runtime package, but comes in very well in the amount of code generated for the user program. This means that the SD compiler would show up very well for a very large program, on the order of 20 times the size of this test program. You will note, however, that Lucidata Pascal does better in both categories, and is in fact probably the most efficient of those shown for a large program. Strubal lies in a better position with the runtime package, and the file handling package could be left out, reducing the runtime to about 3200 bytes. Actually, my first test with Strubal and this program resulted in user code of 1155 bytes. If you have followed my previous ratings, you will remember my complaint about the inefficiency of user code generation with Strubal. I have Hemenway's

Software Sourcebook on Strubal, and have entered the whole thing and made it work with FLEX2 recently. A quick look indicated a couple of areas where it would be easy to reduce the code generated, and I was able to save almost 18% in this Prime number program by making a couple of minor changes. I have been working on a Strubal code optimizer that will look at the source code and generate some simple sequences of instructions for simple operations such as $i=i+1$ etc. So far, I have been able to reduce the code generated to about 780 bytes "automatically". The compiler has no "look ahead" feature and it compiles code for a simple operation as though there may be more to follow, and is therefore inefficient. It generated 28 bytes for $i=i+1$ when all that is required is $LOX\ i : INX : STX\ i$, which can be 7 bytes! Strubal is particularly inefficient at handling array references too. It used 70 bytes to do $ARRAY(3,4)=17$, and 41 bytes to do $ARRAY(3)=17$. Since these are very often repeated operations, an optimizer that streamlines the byte counts here will decrease the code considerably. I will keep you informed of my progress in this direction.

The integer compilers do very well indeed in the area of the runtime package size, but not as well in the user code generated areas, which means that they are optimal for small programs in the range of the Prime number program to about 5 times that size. SPL/M uses FLEX routines, but even if FLEX is ignored and the needed routines written in SPL/M, the total byte count for a small program is impressively small. SPL/M is, however, very "wordy", in that more lines of source code are required than most all of the other higher level language compilers here. It is closer to Assembly for that reason, and it should therefore be more efficient and perhaps for the same reason less desirable as a higher level language.

Regarding the execution times, STRUBAL with the optimization ran about 9 seconds, and is therefore pushing right down with the fastest of the compilers. It certainly beats the others with floating point capabilities. (It has 14 digit precision).

This discussion wouldn't be complete without a discussion of the languages themselves. One of them may be more suitable for a certain type of program than the others. For example, most games need only integer arithmetic. The only exception that comes to mind is Lunar Lander that calculates the position and velocity of a falling body with gravity and its thrusters operating to provide accelerations. If a program requires lots of string operations, for example, a character by character scan of lines of text, the BASIC compilers are much easier to use than PASCAL which has virtually no inherent string manipulation functions built in. You may disagree, but, I think Pascal is easier to use if string functions are not too prevalent in the program. The use of names for Procedures (subroutines), and the advantages of parameter passing, plus the forced structure of the program make it easier to debug a program in Pascal than the other languages.

I still like to do a complex program in BASIC first (a BASIC interpreter). The reason is the ease of change without having to recompile the program each time. I find the translation from BASIC to another language to be very easy, and the debug in BASIC shows up the blind spots in my reasoning on first writing of the program. All the advocates of structured programming out there will probably boo me down, but I think I arrive at a working result faster if I get just anything close on paper and can look at it and find out why it doesn't work.

With all these qualifying factors in mind, I present the table. This is a table of the number of bytes of object code compiled per program page, the size of the initial runtime package, and the time to run my "standard" Prime number program. I've taken my

PRIME program as a standard page, which I agree is somewhat arbitrary, but since all the compilers worked on the same program (algorithm), the comparisons are valid at least for a program with this mix of arithmetic, array references and string functions. You will notice that some general conclusions may be drawn. The starting size in bytes is of course the runtime package size. A large per page byte count indicates an inefficient generation of user code and vice versa. It is fairly easy to look at the table and generalize that "The larger the runtime, the more efficient the user code generation". I would at least hope that to be true because a large runtime package should contain more subroutines to be called by the user program, and therefore the user program need not be as large.

We may make another generalization from the table. If the user program is fairly small, the size of the runtime package is the most important factor. A/BASIC generated over 900 bytes per page but had a tiny runtime package, and therefore is the clear winner out to about 19 pages of program, where the partially optimized version of STRUBAL+ takes over briefly out to 23 pages or so where PASCAL becomes more efficient. (Actually, A/BASIC has a variable size runtime package that grows to 1500 bytes or so as string functions etc. are used, so it is not quite as good as indicated here.) It won't take much further improvement in STRUBAL+ to get it to be the winner that takes over from A/BASIC in the range of 18 to 20 pages on up. Since this was written I've added FORTH to my software library. This is the FORTH for 6809 supplied by the FORTH Interest Group (Fig). The program is essentially three variable declarations and three program statements, which fit on approximately 8 lines. The economy of program statements is obvious. The speed is somewhat indicative of the fact that I'm not yet a very good programmer in FORTH. The program is not as optimized as the version for the other tests, and I would guess a fully optimized version would run in about 6 seconds. FORTH, as you have probably heard, is a language you will either love or hate. I suspect everyone hates it until they get the feel for it. If you give up before that point, you hate it permanently. Once you understand its notation and get used to it, you probably will like it. It is a "programmers language" the main virtue of which is efficiency of source program and reasonable speed and size. It is not a documentor's delight. As I indicated, I am just getting into it, and I will keep you informed about how well it works and how I like it in future columns.

JPC ANALOG TO DIGITAL CARD

I recently acquired a JPC A to D card in kit form and had no trouble getting it assembled and operative. This card, if you are not familiar with such things, will convert an input voltage between 0 and 5 volts, to a digital value between 0 and 255. Thus the resolution is about 1/50 volt or 20 millivolts. In addition it has a programmable gain amplifier at the input that may be programmed for gains of 5, 10, and 100. Also, the input is through an analog "multiplexer", a fancy name for a switch. This card allows 16 input signals to be connected, and under program control, any of them may be read. The gain may be different for each channel, also under software control. It was not very hard, using the supplied test program, to make slight modifications and have the input "autorange" feature. That is to say that the gain adjusts itself so that the signal is as large as it may be going into the A/D converter.

This converter will perform 3300 conversions per second, so that a great deal of data may be collected from several channels in a short time. The manual that comes with the kit includes several possible applications, and explains how to use the board for them. Included are temperature sensing and logging applications, a computerized voltmeter, data collection, etc. At \$73, this card is an excellent buy. My plans

include incorporating it in an application where it will be used to digitize a "noisy" signal for digital signal averaging. It could also be used with a Fast Fourier Transform program to do vibration analysis etc.

MINIFLEX USERS TAKE NOTE

I have lately received communications from several of you who are using Miniflex. Some of you are frustrated because there have been no listings here to run in Miniflex. As I have replied individually to some of you, neither TSC nor SWTPC support Miniflex any longer. I recall reading a letter from someone to '68' asking what that meant. What it means is that there will be no new software available in Miniflex version, and that further improvements and updates to Miniflex will not be made by those companies. It is sort of an announcement that "You are on your own now". If any of you are trying to run Miniflex and convert the published utilities, and you don't have the Miniflex Advanced Programmer's guide, you are in trouble. If you don't know how to use the guide you are in trouble too, unless you can find someone to help you.

Let me make it clear that we FLEX2/FLEX9 users have nothing against Miniflex at all. I used it quite successfully for a year or more and it was a real upgrade from the original FDOS provided early by SWTPC. I am presently "supporting" both the 6800 and 6809, each using both 5 inch and 8 inch disk drives. That means that I have 4 versions of FLEX up and running. If I had Miniflex too, that would be 5. Fortunately, the 6800 and 6809 disks are compatible at the text file level. I may edit a source file with either processor running, and may use either for text entry, editing and processing (I happen to have the 6809 going at the moment). Miniflex formatted disks may not be read, (not even the directory) with either of these FLEX versions, since the disk sector size is different. Most of us switched because FLEX2 offered some new features, and support was promised for some time to come. We were all frustrated at the pains of translating, moving files etc. that had to be done in order to get all our old software to run in FLEX2. I never did get some of my old software converted. I can fully understand that not all of us have on the order of \$100 to put into our hobby just to gain that small increment of performance.

However, as I said to one person who wrote me, (not exactly in these words), if you want to be a "reverse pioneer", you must expect to have to dig out the information for yourself and make the necessary adaptations, or not use some of the newer software.

It has been my practice here, particularly with Utilities, to write them in the 6800 subset of the 6809 instruction set so that the program may be assembled with either of the assemblers without changing any instructions. I've stated before that all Flex references at hex addresses CXXX in FLEX9 are at the equivalent AXXX address in FLEX2, and similarly the DXXX addresses go to BXXX for FLEX2. Unfortunately there is no such simple correspondence in Miniflex. Miniflex doesn't have some of the routines used in these programs such as OUTADR for example, though these can easily be 'fudged' in Miniflex by using JSR OUTHEX INX JSR OUTHEX in sequence. The most difficult area of adaptation is in print routines. The new FLEXes require three routines at certain fixed addresses. These are, port initialization, printer ready test, and print character. Miniflex doesn't need the printer ready test, the routines may be at any address, and you must overlay address \$10 with the address of your initialization routine.

If we have any professional or semi-professional (whatever that means) programmers out there who would be willing to answer questions and help some of those just getting started in computing with such Miniflex adaptation problems, please write me

and I will publish your name and address as a "resource person" for others to use for aid. Maybe someone out there routinely translates all the software in '68' Micro Journal that is applicable, to Miniflex anyway, and wouldn't mind sharing a copy or two of his efforts. I'm not trying to say "don't bother me" with such questions, it's just that I do this column in addition to a full time job, and I can see soon reaching the point of not being able to answer all the correspondence that I receive each month.

RUMORS & such

In my recent ramblings I have mentioned that APPLE blew it with their latest offering. Seems to be a klug of kluges. I have talked to many callers wanting to know about the 6809 adaptor for this machine. I was taken to task, by telephone, by an APPLE official(?) for telling my readers what a mess they (APPLE) had made of the latest offering. Of course they really don't have a lot of time to spend talking to me as they are sorta busy defending their latest position on selling software without 'any' warranty or maintenance. At least that is what some reports in other computer magazines indicate.

Despite all the garbage generated by this it seems that one of the larger software minicomputer houses, The Pick and Associates, has already begun to develop a whole new operating system for the APPLE. The only reason I mention it here is that it is for the MC68000. Their own management and engineering probably blew it, but their dealers and many customers realize that the latest APPLE is a hashed over affair with a past-generation CPU. The 6809 adaptor board (about 3 times faster than the 6502) and the coming of a 68000 machine, indicates that APPLE may be getting a message. Remember the saying "put your money where your mouth is".

If the stock buying public honestly knew the real value and utility of all the microcomputers available, the Standard S50 Bus machine manufacturer's stock would be worth a thousand times its current value, according to what occurred in the recent APPLE stock offering.

Was also taken to task by the 'biggest' little computer manufacturer for some 'remarks' in my December RUMORS column. As was told, "I don't appreciate that". Checking some arithmetic on this, may take a few months, but will let you in on it. If it indicates that somebody's figures were wrong, I WANT TO REPEAT AGAIN - FOR THE RECORD - IF IT CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT 'MY' READERS OR ADVERTISERS, THEN I'M GOING TO PRINT IT. That's what I get paid for. Track records are for real, nothing can change that.

Seems that there is a degree of incompatibility creeping in some of the newest Standard S50 Bus accessories. This can lead to a situation that will put the small software and some hardware vendors between a rock and a hard place. Although not on near as large or critical a scale, it does remind me in some respects, as to what I saw a few years back, as the S100 crowd began to unravel.

I clearly realize that those who manufacture the accessories we all buy and stick on our Standard S50 Bus computers are continually in a state of upgrade and 'keep up with the latest state-of-the-art' innovations. There is no doubt that we have the best microcomputer hardware and software available, for the Standard S50 Bus. We use the best MPUs available and also have a more hassle-free environment than any other bus or backplane configuration. Also I personally know that they all (manufacturers) are continually evaluating and testing newer and better(?) hardware items that are

increasingly becoming more and more available. This is good for all of us. However, I certainly hope that those that decide to follow on this course will pause to ponder the effect it will have on us who buy the stuff. The most important thing that we have had going for us since day one was 'COMPATIBILITY', when that is gone, so are we and all those folks who sell us things for our computers. Seems that computer manufacturers, at least some, are beginning to follow a fatal path that is constantly trod by 'used-to-be' politicians, the path's name is 'Ignore the past'.

Sure, I realize that some of the 'grandfather' hard/software could have been better. Hindsight is always 20/20. Some of it used protocols, code and hardware klugs that caused us headaches later. But at the time we got it, it sure beat anything else that was available! Some of the mistakes of the past still linger. But most of them ain't killing us. As long as we work within their constraints (in most cases) they and all that follow works.

Mikbug™ had a lot of not-so-hot features. Of course, at first, most of us didn't mind, IT WORKED! In fact some aspects of Mikbug™ were a real pain to work around, but one thing is certain, Mikbug™ kept us all 'compatible'. And those who were non-Mikbug™ never really got off the ground, at least not to the extent that the others did. Sure should tell somebody something! Where we are going to have some hurts put on us is when others do the job somewhat better (?) and then make all our old stuff non-compatible. The S100 bus received a bundle of 'improved' hard/software over the past four or five years. And some of those 'improvers' are now belly-up. So if your company is going to improve the Standard S50 Bus, or some of the stuff we hang on to, please then remember us little guys who bought your stuff when it wasn't so hot. Giving us software and hardware that is improved is great, but also PLEASE leave us a way, software or hardware, to run your stuff with the other fellow's peripherals and accessories!! Again, the name of the game is "COMPATIBILITY".

This is a subject that I am deeply concerned about and would appreciate your dropping me a line and let me know how you feel. I know for a fact that all of the Standard S50 Bus manufacturers will be listening for what "YOU" have to say. After all, we know who will determine the future of the Standard S50 Bus. Right, you and me, the BUYERS!

Now I will climb off the soap box and get on with other rumors(?). From SWTPC comes rumors that they will soon have a single unit 64K(?) 6809 computer. No additional info at this time but will keep you informed as I hear about this new addition to their line of computers. Also from SWTPC is rumored a new 64K dynamic memory board that will run 1 or 2 MHz, and a 'streamer' type tape system for those who have a need for tape backup (especially those wishing to unload the SWTPC winchester), price will be under \$2,000 so I am told.

A word of Caution! Have been informed that the 6809E used in the Radio Shack TRS80C™ is NOT a 'standard' LSI. Seems that Tandy had some special 6809E versions masked, these do not contain features that the TRS80C™ does not require. Mostly communications functions. This may have been an early product situation only. Will try to find out if the regular E versions will be used when they become available. Also the Extended BASIC was delayed due to Microsoft being late with delivery of the code to Tandy, and the Christmas holidays delayed Motorola for a couple of weeks, so I was told. Radio Shack claims delivery of over 10,000 of these units up to the first of the year. Now, if these users want to step up to a more powerful computer, I know about some mighty fine 'full blown' 6809 machines. Just check the ads in 68 Micro Journal

Now that the hostages have been released, I can tell you what we did and will do or not do, concerning that frustrating period. When it started, first week I cancelled any subscriptions going to Iran. We will refuse any business with Iran. Also I will NOT accept any advertising from anyone who does business with or in Iran. Earlier one advertiser (not any more) informed me that they felt this was 'not really any of my business' and they thought trade with Iran was necessary or desirable. I guess they need all the business they can get, regardless, not us! I know it is less than "a drop in the bucket" but it is our policy and I do not see any change coming in this attitude! If you feel different, just let me know and I will be happy to publish your opinion. Maybe it is of little importance, what a small magazine does, but that's the way it is.

By the time you read this I should have information (and a system) of a 5 megabyte winchester for the Standard S50 Bus. Will get some info (should be ads also) in the next month or so. Total price of the unit should be about same as average 8" disk system, or less. So, twice the storage for less, things get better and better for the Standard S50 Bus every day. Will let you know.

Speaking of things getting better.... I receive calls from purchasing agents and others who have become interested in Standard S50 Bus computers. They are probably sold (personally) on the Standard S50 Bus and computers that use it. But they all keep bringing up the same question. They want to know why the Standard S50 Bus has not been declared 'official' somewhere, by someone (other than just 68 Micro Journal). A problem exists in that many companies and government agencies are caught up in the myth that if a certain type of equipment or device is not 'officially' classified as being a 'standard' then it is lacking in something. This may not seem much of a problem unless you deal with these folks, as we do on a daily basis. There is a kind of 'official sanction' that goes with a 'standard'. And therein is where the rub is; WE ARE MISSING A BIG PART OF THE MARKET!! Even for the hobby user this should be important, for the better you manufacturers do, the better the product we buy from you should be. Growth and volume should bring greater profit and more funds to expend on research and quality control (which we could use).

Some years back, while doing private research, I was initially contacted about serving on a 'standards committee'. At the time I was too preoccupied with putting 'bread' on the table and little else mattered. Not that I have lost that need but now I do have a little more time to devote to matters of that sort. I would be more than willing to attempt to get something going; but I don't know how. So, if some of you have experience in this subject I would appreciate your contacting me and let me know what is needed. Maybe with some sort of 'joint effort' we can get something started. The most difficult part of most projects is getting started, and with some expert or experienced advice, well maybe.... One thing for certain, it would greatly benefit us all, the buyers are becoming more sophisticated and demanding. Things just are not what they used to be.

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DATRICON SBC

The Datricon Single-Board Computer

Though it won't work in your S-50 bus system, the Datricon ACS 12 (manufactured by Datricon Corp., 7911 N.E. 33rd Drive, Portland OR 97211) is still of interest to readers of '68' Micro Journal because it uses the 6800 processor ... and because it provides a version of the FORTH language in a small package.

The computer is a strictly industrial - quality printed circuit board which measures 4.5 by 9.5 inches. It has a standard 56-pin card-edge connector along the edge, and is designed for the STD bus so widely used in industrial control. (Datricon has other STD bus devices available, including backplanes, instrument cases, extender boards, and interface drivers/isolators.)

The high-quality card is crammed chock-full of circuitry. The 6800 processor, with its 6875 clock generator, is in the center of the card, and runs at a clock speed of 921 kHz. On one side of the processor is the I/O area, on the other side is the memory and bus interface area.

On the memory side are five 28-pin sockets which can accommodate a wide variety of different ICs, both 24-pin as well as 28-pin. This includes the familiar 2716, 2732, or even 2764 EPROMs; 4118, 4816, and 4864 RAMs; and even mask-programmed ROMs such as the 8K capacity MK3700Q. Each socket has several programming jumpers so it can be adapted to any one of 19 different ICs. Depending on the ICs plugged in, these five sockets could hold as much as 40K of memory.

The standard card, as supplied with Datricon's OFORTH language system, contains two 2716 EPROMs and one 4118 RAM, for a total of just 4K EPROM and 1K of RAM. This leaves two sockets empty for the addition of more memory if desired.

Surrounding the memory sockets are address decoders and buffers, as well as the drivers and transceivers for communicating with the STD bus.

The I/O side of the board has both parallel and serial interfaces. Both of these use ICs from the 6500 family, rather than traditional 6800 family devices.

Serial I/O is handled by the 6551 asynchronous communications interface adapter, rather than the 6850 usually used in 6800 systems. The 6551 has all of the functions of the 6850 ACIA, plus a built-in programmable baud rate generator. Not only does this save some space on the board by eliminating the need for an external baud rate source, but it also makes it possible for software to adapt its baud rate to that of the terminal it is used with.

Parallel I/O is handled by the 6522 versatile interface adapter, rather than the 6820 or 6821 PIA one usually seen in 6800 systems. The 6522 includes two 8-bit ports and associated handshaking lines, like the 6820, but also adds two 16-bit programmable timer/counters and another serial data port.

The timer/counters can be used to provide interrupts at specified time intervals, or to count pulses on one of the input lines.

I/O connections are made via two connectors; the VIA parallel ports and handshaking lines are brought to a 50-pin header for connection to a ribbon cable, while the ACIA serial port goes to a 25-pin RS-232C connector at the edge of the board. A header plug nearby allows the serial port connections to be modified as needed for compatibility with modems or terminals which require various handshaking protocols.

Datricon's version of FORTH is called OFORTH, and is intended to be the main programming language for process control applications, the main use for this computer. FORTH was initially developed by C. H. Moore of the National Radio Astronomy Laboratory, and was intended to be a replacement for assembly language.

OFORTH starts with a built-in set of 'words' which are pre-defined in the system; these include operations such as + or -, as well as some more specific I/O oriented words such as SETBIT or TSTBIT.

Altogether, there are over a hundred such words in the OFORTH vocabulary.

Programming in OFORTH is done by defining new words, in terms of existing words, and placing them in OFORTH's dictionary. Further definitions of new words can use previously defined words, until at some stage we reach a point where a single word describes the entire program to be executed. At that point, the 'word', or really the program that is to be run, is executed simply by typing in its name.

In a way, this is structured programming, except that it might be called bottom-up rather than top-down programming. That is, the words are generally defined starting from the most primitive, and proceeding upward. (In a way, this might be equivalent to starting a Basic program by writing all the subroutines, and gradually building up to bigger and bigger subroutines, until at the end we write one program which simply calls the subroutines under it.)

For initial testing purposes, the computer would be used with a terminal connected to its RS-232C port. Once the control program is debugged, it can be transferred from RAM into EPROM, and the EPROM added to the board. On power-up, the computer would then execute the program in the new EPROM, instead of accepting a program from the keyboard as usual. The final program, though, would still be in OFORTH format, and would be interpreted by the OFORTH language system. (This describes the way Datricon intends the unit to be programmed for process control; there is obviously no reason why a final program could not be done in machine language instead, but program development in OFORTH might be much simpler - once you learn OFORTH.)

All in all, Datricon's single-board computer and associated OFORTH language system is a novel and quite useful tool for the industrial computer user who needs a sophisticated control computer.

TRS80C HINTS

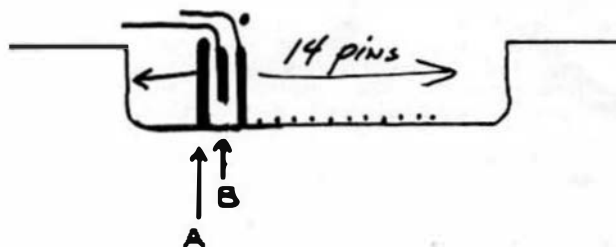
We have had numerous requests for the information necessary to enable Radio Shack program paks for access.

By carefully removing the screw (under the label) binding the two halves of the plastic cartridge, remove the circuit board by lifting up and off the screw retainer post. Next cover the foil(A) which is to the right (boards right, your left) of the short foil(B). You will note that this foil connector has no connection on the board, it merely returns two pins on the main circuit board. Reassemble in reverse to the above.

When the TRS80C™ is turned on it will come up in BASIC, even though the game pak is installed in the side slot. To call the game pak type in the following:

EXEC 49152 C/R

This jumps to \$C000 which is the hex for decimal 49152, this is the standard program entry point for all game paks we have tested. Resetting the machine jumps back to BASIC from where you may use one of the monitor programs available (such as CBUG from The MICRO WORKS) to do whatever you desire with the code in the game pak.



ADVENTURE

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I have to begin by saying that I am a long time Adventure addict. It began some two years ago when I was assigned to my current Post in California. Since then, whenever I could find the time to use our DEC-10 and play Adventure, I have been up there fighting dwarves and hunting treasure. I should also add, being constantly frustrated by not enough time to work on it seriously. Jack Doremus has solved that problem for me and for a lot of other people.

I heard through a friend that Jack Doremus of Wichita, Kansas had written an assembly language version of the game that, he claimed, was faithful to the original. Taking the dragon by the tail (we addicts are persistent, if naught else) I wrote to share my concern and my hope. He wrote back to say that, yes, indeed, he had written such a program, that it would be available for sale in January 1981 and there would be an ad in '68 MICRO JOURNAL. However, he also indicated he would be glad for a tester who ran a 6800 machine with an LFD-400 disk system....I almost beat down the post office trying to get my answer in the mail late Saturday night. In due time the disk arrived.

It came up and ran without a hitch. I was at last in the Colossal Cave on my home machine with all the time I could afford to spend searching, killing dwarves and generally trying to become an Adventurer.

Grandmaster. I succeeded after several hours of effort carefully following maps made previously and every hint and help I could garner. I can say that it ran true in every detail I am aware of to the original game by Crowther and Woods.

The game resides in 35k of ram using locations from 0020H to 7FFFH and from A300-AC90H as well. It is available in both Pecom LFD-400 disk format and Flex 2.0 as well. I can't speak for the Flex version, but the game is true to the original including the strings. Jack did not shorten any of the original location descriptions and, to my knowledge all of the various fuzzels are intact. It retains all of the color and challenge. If fact, if you have a map of the original game, it will work with this one.

I can't recommend this game highly enough. It's like having the original game on an DEC-10 or an IBM 360 move in with you. The whole game resides in ram so there is no waiting for disk calls and it runs as fast as the ones on the bigger machines.

Adventure for the 6800 by Jack Doremus is available from Application Services Company, P.O. box 12227, Wichita, Kansas 67277 for \$24.95 on the disk of your choice. But remember, this is not a run of the mill imitation... This is the original. Be prepared for long hours wandering through the cave, the frustration of failure and the glory of a win! Happy Adventuring.

Editor's note: The same 'ADVENTURE' is now available for the 6809, so no one gets left out.

PAYROLL

The following is published due to the growing interest in business type programs for the Standard S50 Bus. They run with TSC's X BASIC, which is now into version number 17. It is probably important when running software that involves money (yours) that you have the latest versions of software that determine the accuracy of your endeavor. I recommend strongly that you contact the vendors of any 'important' software, from time to time, and determine their policy on up-dates and why you might need an up-date. Many times the versions of different types of software are up-dated for reason so obscure, inscrutable or insignificant as to not warrant any expense of keeping current. But at least you should find out.

Information and prices for the TIME-COST study program can be secured from DigiTech Enterprises, Inc., 97 Main Street, Newton, NJ 07860, 201-383-8919. We have tested this software in our lab and feel that the same program is of value to lawyers, accountants and any other company or professional who deals with clients on an hourly basis. It is our understanding that the programs can be purchased in compiled or source form.

The PAYROLL program was originally published in the New Jersey Computer Club Newsletter, but not in the more complete form listed here. It can be purchased with up-dates and maintenance, from DigiTech for \$59.95, either 8 or 5 inch disk (specify). For you fast fingered keyers - here is a nice one to type in. And for FREE! Thanks Wayne Leinen, and DigiTech.

CORRECTION NOTE: A late call by Wayne indicated that a couple of changes need to be made to the code to correct a possible error. Note programs "COPYDATA" change the variable PN to PD. For the program "DATABASE" change EOF to "" (double quotes - null) "PAYROLL" change the SS rate to the new rate (line 760) and change line 770 to 1975.05 which should be the maximum deduction. This should get you current for 1981 rates.

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*** Time/Cost Study Program ***

DigiTech is pleased to announce a time/cost study program written with the least profession in mind. It will allow the attorney to keep accurate records of time and costs on a case/client basis. A special file option is included to alert the attorney when a preset (by the case) number of hours has been reached. This file is presented during record entry. Reports can be generated at any time for any or all clients. These reports list the following: (see also:)

1. Date and page number of the report
2. Client name and address
3. Case numbers
4. Dates of entry
5. Type of service
6. Time
7. Costs
8. Check number
9. Record number and status (open, billed, paid)
10. Time/Cost subtotal by the case
11. Time/Cost totals

The program will allow (per each 8" Double Sided/Double Density floppy disk) a maximum of:

1. 150 clients
2. 10 cases per client
3. 200 open (unpaid) records per client

Clients and/or cases can be easily edited or deleted, and an automatic expansion to the maximum number of records is achieved by a DELETE F410 ITEM code during record generation.

System requirements are:

1. A BMDP 4000 Computer system with S&H RAM
2. Dual 8" Double sided/double density floppy drives
3. CT-82 Terminal
4. X-BASIC Operating system *
5. TSC Extended Basic
6. Printer with driver software

The program can be modified for any time/cost type study and source code is available with license agreement for BMDP dealers.

*** Time/Cost Study Program ***

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

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8	Change case number and/or hours permitted
9	Change or reset max hours file
10	Entering the billing records
12	Modify time records
13	Report generator and/or print client list
15	Sample Time/Cost summary

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*** Time/Cost Study Program ***

INITIALIZATION OF DATA DISK MODULE

In order to build the client database you must have a clean (new/disket) diskette. This diskette must first be initialized with blank record information. To initialize a diskette you must answer the prompt

TYPE '1' TO INITIALIZE A NEW DATA DISK. 'RETURN' FOR MENU

with '1' at this point program control is passed to an initialization program. This program will self program and display the contents of the disk directory. The disk must have at least 2500 free sectors. The program will then ask you if you want to continue.... answer 'Y' to both prompts. If you have 2500 sectors and want to initialize the disk in drive 0 1, Control will then be passed back to the main program.

THE INITIALIZATION PROGRAM TAKES ABOUT 25 MINUTES TO RUN....
MAIN MENU

After the INITIALIZATION prompt is answered: you will be prompted

MENU
TYPE 'D' TO BUILD CLIENT DATABASE
'C' TO CHANGE CLIENT DATABASE
'R' TO RECORD OR MODIFY TIME RECORDS
'S' TO PRINT CLIENT LIST OR TIME/COST SUMMARY
'E' TO END PROGRAM

PLEASE ENTER FUNCTION CODE

If you type 'D' proceed to page 5
'C' proceed to page 6
'R' proceed to page 10
'S' proceed to page 13

CLIENT DATABASE GENERATION

The client database consists of the following records:

1. Client name
2. Client street
3. Client city state & zip
4. Case numbers (up to 10 for each client)
5. Hours permitted on each case

Enter to this module is made from the menu by entering a 'D' to the 'ENTER FUNCTION CODE' prompt. At this point the disk file is scanned for the next open client record (0 to 150) and you are prompted to:

'ENTER THE CLIENT'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)... (END) TO LEAVE THIS MODE'

If you desire to add a client at this point, ENTER the requested information! If not, ENTER 'END' for the name ('END' will bring you back to the earlier menu).

You will then be prompted to:

'ENTER THE CLIENT'S STREET ADDRESS'

Enter the requested information: and you will be prompted:

'ENTER THE CLIENT'S CITY, STATE & ZIP'

Again enter the requested information.

At this point the program will branch to the CASE NUMBER record and allow you to enter up to 10 case numbers for the just entered client. Just follow the on screen prompts! If you have less than 10 cases, ENTER a '0' (zero) when finished.

The screen will now clear the screen and display:

RECORD # (0 to 150) CLIENT NAME (the name you just entered)

ENTER a '0' (zero) IF CLIENT IS TO HAVE UNLIMITED HOURS

CASE # (first case) ENTER THE MAX HOURS PERMITTED

Enter the requested information! The next case number will now be displayed: and you will be requested to enter the hours for that case (this will continue for all case numbers entered).

When you have completed the last case, the screen will be erased, and all entered information will be displayed so that it can be checked for accuracy (if you made a mistake, you will have to enter the EDIT mode). Hit RETURN to process the next client.

EDITING THE CLIENT DATABASE

NOTE! YOU MAY ENTER THE RECORD # IN RESPONSE TO THE CLIENT NAME PROMPT IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MODULES (this will speed up any search times).

Entry to this module is made from the menu by entering a 'C' to the 'ENTER FUNCTION CODE' prompt. At this point the screen will display the sub menu

DATABASE EDIT MODULE

TYPE 'D' TO DELETE A CLIENT OR CASE
'C' TO CHANGE OTHER INFORMATION
'E' TO RETURN TO THE MENU

PLEASE ENTER FUNCTION CODE

If you enter 'C' proceed to page 6
'D' you will be prompted

DELETE CLIENT OR CASE MODULE

TYPE 'C' TO DELETE A CLIENT
'D' TO DELETE A CASE NUMBER

If you type 'D' proceed to page 7
'C' you will be prompted

ENTER CLIENT NAME (LAST NAME FIRST... EXACT SPELLING)

You may then enter the name of the client or 'STOP' to return you to the menu. The computer will then do a client lookup and display:

RECORD NUMBER
CLIENT NAME
CLIENT STREET
CLIENT CITY STATE
IS THIS THE RECORD YOU WANT TO DELETE (Y OR N)

If you answer 'N', the computer will continue searching for another client with the same spelling! If it can't find one, it will re-prompt you for the name. If you answered 'Y', to the prompt you will be prompted

ARE YOU SURE

If you answer 'Y' ALL RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLIENT WILL BE ERASED....
If you answer 'N' you will be returned to the delete menu.

DELETE CASE NUMBER MODULE

If you type an 'N' you will be prompted

DELETE CASE NUMBER MODULE

TYPE 'D' TO DELETE A CASE NUMBER
'C' TO RETURN TO MENU
PLEASE ENTER FUNCTION CODE

Enter a 'D' to continue. 'C' to return to the edit menu.
If you entered 'D' you will be prompted

ENTER CLIENT NAME (LAST NAME FIRST... EXACT SPELLING)

You may then enter the name of the client or 'STOP' to return you to the menu. The computer will then do a client lookup and display:

RECORD NUMBER
CLIENT NAME
CLIENT STREET
CLIENT CITY STATE
CASE NUMBER
MAX HOURS PERMITTED

Answer 'Y' if you want to delete a case from this record. 'N' if not. If you enter 'N', the computer will continue to scan for another name with the same spelling. If you have answered with a 'Y', the screen will display a list of VALID CASE NUMBERS you will then have to enter the case number you want to delete. You will then be prompted CASE DELETED.... TYPE RETURN TO CONFIRM! Hit 'RETURN', and you will re-enter the delete case menu.

CHANGE OTHER INFORMATION MODULE

If you entered a 'C', you would be prompted

FILE EDIT MODULE

ENTER THE CLIENT NAME (LAST NAME FIRST... EXACT SPELLING)

Enter the desired client name ('STOP' to return to database edit menu) the computer will scan for the client and display:

CHANGE WHICH INFO....

1. NAME
2. STREET
3. CITY STATE ZIP
ENTER THE # OF THE FIELD TO BE CHANGED (0 FOR NEXT GROUP 4 TO END MODE)

Enter the numbers 0 to 3 depending on the desired function.
1 to 3 will prompt you with:

ENTER NAME CHANGE OR
ENTER STREET CHANGE OR
ENTER CITY, STATE, ZIP CHANGE

Enter the correct information.

4 will return you to the database edit menu.
0 will prompt you with:

RECORD NUMBER	NAME	CLIENT NAME	NAME
0.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
1.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
2.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
3.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
4.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
5.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
6.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
7.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
8.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H
9.	CASE NUMBER	MAX HOURS PERMITTED	N-H

ENTER THE # OF THE FIELD TO BE CHANGED (0 TO END MODE... 11 NEXT GROUP)

Enter the desired field (0 to 11 to end mode 11 for next group...)

If you entered a 0 to 11 you would be prompted

CURRENT CASE # NAME ENTER NEW CASE # ?

Enter the new case number! you will then be prompted

CURRENT MAX HRS N-H ENTER NEW MAX HRS ?

You will then be returned to a new display of case/hours! modify as above.

If you entered an 11: you will be prompted

RECORD #	CLIENT NAME	TOTAL HOURS	NAME	RECORD #
0	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	0
1	JANE DOE	10	JANE DOE	1
2	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	2
3	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	3
4	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	4
5	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	5
6	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	6
7	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	7
8	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	8
9	JOHN DOE	10	JOHN DOE	9

CHANGE WHICH RECORD NUMBER (0 to 9... 10 TO END THIS MODE)

If you entered 0 to 9: you would be prompted

ENTER THE NEW TOTAL OR '0' TO RESET TOTAL

Enter the desired information! the computer will then display the case/total/record number....
TO RECORD OR MODIFY TIME RECORDS

If you entered an 'R', you would be prompted

TIMEKEEPING MODULE

PLEASE ENTER THE DATE (MMDDYY)

You must enter the date in the exact format (MMDDYY): six characters total. If you enter greater or less than 6 characters: you will be issued an error message and be re-prompted for the correct format....

You will then be prompted

DATE MM/DD/YY
TYPE 'D' TO CHANGE DATE
'A' TO ADD TIME OR COSTS TO CLIENT'S CASE
'C' TO END THIS MODULE
'R' TO MODIFY TIME OR COST RECORDS
ENTER THE FUNCTION CODE

If you enter 'C' you will return to the edit menu.
'D' you will be prompted for the date as above.
'R' proceed to page 12
'A' you will be prompted

PAGE 1

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010 GDDM 850
020 *****INITIATE SETUP
030 PFI ?
040 PRINT*
050 PFI ?
060 PRINT*
070 PRINT*
080 OPED "1.P00" AS 1
090 OPED "1.P01" AS 2
100 OPED "1.G00" AS 3
110 OPED "1.S00" AS 4
120 OPED "1.C00" AS 5
130 OPED "1.O00" AS 6
140 OPED "1.M00" AS 7
150 OPED "1.L00" AS 8
160 OPED "1.E00" AS 9
170 OPED "1.F00" AS 10
180 OPED "1.Y00" AS 11
190 GDDM 850
200 PRINT "*****BEING INITIALIZED..... PLEASE STAND BY*"
210 DIM #1, P00(160,3)=23
220 P00(160,1)="B00"
230 P00(160,2)="B00"
240 P00(160,3)="B00"
250 DIM #2, P1(160,14)
260 P1(160,1)=8
270 DIM #3, QP(160,PP)
280 QP(160,PP)=8
290 DIM #4, SW(160,PP)
300 SW(160,PP)=8
310 DIM #5, FW(160,PP)
320 FW(160,PP)=8
330 DIM #6, UM(160,PP)
340 UM(160,PP)=8
350 DIM #7, UN(160,PP)
360 UN(160,PP)=8
370 DIM #8, OT(160,PP)
380 OT(160,PP)=8
390 DIM #9, SB(160,PP)
400 SB(160,PP)=8
410 DIM #10, P2(160,3)=8
420 P2(160,1)="B00"
430 P2(160,2)="B00"
440 P2(160,3)="B00"
450 DIM #11, C00(8,8)
460 C00(8,8)=8
470 DIM #12, C00(8,8)
480 C00(8,8)=8
490 DIM #13, C00(8,8)
500 C00(8,8)=8
510 DIM #14, C00(8,8)
520 C00(8,8)=8
530 DIM #15, C00(8,8)
540 C00(8,8)=8
550 DIM #16, C00(8,8)
560 C00(8,8)=8
570 DIM #17, C00(8,8)
580 C00(8,8)=8
590 DIM #18, C00(8,8)
600 C00(8,8)=8
610 DIM #19, C00(8,8)
620 C00(8,8)=8
630 DIM #20, C00(8,8)
640 C00(8,8)=8
650 DIM #21, C00(8,8)
660 C00(8,8)=8
670 DIM #22, C00(8,8)
680 C00(8,8)=8
690 DIM #23, C00(8,8)
700 C00(8,8)=8
710 DIM #24, C00(8,8)
720 C00(8,8)=8
730 DIM #25, C00(8,8)
740 C00(8,8)=8
750 DIM #26, C00(8,8)
760 C00(8,8)=8
770 DIM #27, C00(8,8)
780 C00(8,8)=8
790 DIM #28, C00(8,8)
800 C00(8,8)=8
810 DIM #29, C00(8,8)
820 C00(8,8)=8
830 DIM #30, C00(8,8)
840 C00(8,8)=8
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†FORTH — A Complete Language System for the 68XX
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When you type FORTH and leave the familiar world of your favorite high-level language for the first time you'll find its like going on an Adventure. Typing a command will be like picking up a rock in the desert—you may unleash the power of your micro or uncover a hungry snake. But after a few hours you will be typing words that manipulate the innards of your machine with the speed and efficiency of machine code. And, you'll be doing it interactively.

WHAT ABOUT FORTH?

Before diving into the intimate details of †FORTH from Kenyon Microsystems, a brief look at the pros and cons of the language itself is warranted. Learning FORTH is like learning a foreign language. If you read about it and don't use it, you will never learn it. On the other hand, if you sit down at a terminal and start typing those strange words, you'll be amazed at how fast you pick it up. And at the same time, you'll develop a greater appreciation for the details that make your micro tick.

FORTH is small and fast. The †FORTH Interpreter is less than 8K bytes long and machine control programs which have had all unused words removed from the FORTH dictionary often use less than a thousand bytes. The language is fast because it is threaded. A FORTH word is made up of a list of addresses that point to machine language routines that do the work.

THIS ONE'S REALLY FAST!

The 6809 †FORTH is extremely fast and when I ran the benchmark routines from the October 1977 issue of Kilobaud Microcomputing, †FORTH came in two to three times faster than TSC's BASIC. This is impressive since that BASIC is one of the fastest on any micro. Yet, there is an explanation—the 6809 is well suited for FORTH. The language uses two stacks in memory and this processor has two 16-bit stack pointers. The 6809 allows the indirect and auto-increment addressing modes and makes it possible to write FORTH's NEXT loop in only four bytes that execute in 14 machine cycles. This loop is the most executed loop in the language and is the one that moves through the list of addresses that make up a FORTH word.

MORE PROS AND CONS

Other pros include the fact that FORTH is structured, extensible and highly portable. In fact, you are forced to use structured programming since there is no "GOTO" statement. Extensible means that you can define new system functions in terms of functions that are already in the dictionary. Since FORTH compiles your new words immediately, you may use them as quickly as you can define them. FORTH is portable because most of its words have been defined to do the same operation regardless of the host computer.

On the negative side, you should be warned that FORTH is very hard to read. Since the language uses a stack architecture you will find that very few programmers use named variables. Well selected names help you understand a program and the scarcity of their use in FORTH makes it absolutely essential that you include complete comments in your programs. If you don't, you won't be able to read them yourself the next day. Another disadvantage of FORTH is the

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fact that it requires you to use reverse Polish notation. Instead of typing "5 + 3 = ", you will be required to type, "5 3 + ". It takes some getting used to unless you were weaned on a Hewlett-Packard calculator.

IT COMES IN THREE SHAPES

The tFORTH language system from Kenyon is available in three different packages. If you are a beginner and just want to get a feel for the language, you will probably only want the basic tFORTH package. It gives you the entire standard vocabulary published by the International Standards team at the FORTH Interest Group (FIG) in May of 1979 plus additional words that let you read or write standard FLEX text files and FORTH's virtual memory screen files. It can also simulate disk blocks in memory, making it possible for you to use it with cassette tape storage.

If you are a hardcore bit hacker and already familiar with FORTH, you will be interested in tFORTH+. It includes the complete tFORTH vocabulary plus more than half a disk of FORTH source code that extends the capability of the system beyond the FIG model. Extensions include a full assembler that uses Motorola-like mnemonics, a full screen editor, additional data types such as vectors and arrays, and several types of CASE statements.

If you are an application programmer working with engineering data or instrument control you will be interested in firmFORTH. It generates short, self-contained, runnable code which may be used in stand-alone control environments.

IT'S EASY TO USE

tFORTH is easy to use. To enter the language from FLEX, you simply type FORTH. After bringing up the system and following the step by step directions for making two backup copies, I typed "0. DEMO" READ and watched the system demonstrate various features of the language. Then, I began to experiment. First, I exercised some of the more common words before moving on to define a few of my own. I was amazed at how fast I could create and test a word. The time consuming edit, compile, link and load sequences required by many compiler languages was not needed.

One feature of tFORTH that is easy to get used to is the concept of virtual memory. You never have to save a program. The system does that for you automatically. If you are editing one of the screens and type a word that causes another screen to be loaded into the buffer, it will save the screen you were working on before reading in the new one.

Operation of the editor is simple and almost self-explanatory. I tested the standard fig-FORTH editor first and used it to adapt the full screen editor to my GIMIX 80 X 24 video board. It is shipped configured for use with the SWTPC CT-82 terminal. All of the control codes are defined on one screen and it is an easy matter to re-define them.

The assembler is invoked by typing the word CODE. This word is like a colon definition except that it generates pure machine code. After a word is created by a CODE definition it is placed in the dictionary and may be used just like any other FORTH word. The only thing that will slow you down is the reverse Polish notation. After using the standard mnemonics, ie, LDA [44] for years it is hard to get used to 44 [1.A LD, . You will also have to be careful to not use any forward references in your code since this is a one-pass assembler.

CALL THEM BY NAME

The disk utilities supplied with tFORTH performed as advertised in the glossary. I loaded additional programming tools by typing their name. For example, one screen contains words that help you document your programs. I typed "TOOLS" and immediately started to use them. Other screens create CASE statements, define STRING handling words, enable DOUBLE precision math, make it easy to DEBUG and PRINT. They may be loaded interactively from the keyboard or by another screen.

HOW'S THE INSTRUCTION BOOK?

The manual I received came in an attractive three-ring binder and was more than 110 pages long. It was divided into five volumes; tFORTH, tFORTH+, firmFORTH and two extensive glossaries. The table of contents in each volume supplied plenty of detail and was easy to use.

The glossaries total 47 pages and contain the complete definitions of 287 FORTH words in ASCII sort order. Sixty of the words are extensions to standard fig-FORTH.

Step-by-step instructions tell you how to bring up the system and backup the supplied disk. Then, they show you how to adapt tFORTH to another disk operating system or terminal. The manual includes well documented source code for all disk, terminal and printer drivers. It even leads you through a few short exercises that introduce you to the language. More material of this nature would improve the manual.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GOOF?

The system will survive a lot of insults. Most of the time if you make a mistake, like typing a word that is not in the dictionary, tFORTH will echo the mistake and a question mark. Nearly 30 English language error messages are provided and they lead you direct to the problem. I made many unusual demands on tFORTH and never did crash it. The fact that the system automatically keeps its disk screens current keeps you from losing a lot of data.

DOES THE COMPANY TAKE CARE OF YOU?

I can not say enough about the helpful attitude of Tom Kenyon, the President of Kenyon Microsystems. When I first received my system, I had quite a few questions. I called Tom at his Houston office and in less than an hour Ray Talbot, the programs author had returned my call from California. Ray was on the committee that helped design the fig-FORTH standard so you can bet his coding will live up to your expectations. He was very helpful on the phone and took my naivete in stride. A month later, without asking, I received an envelope with a few pen and ink changes to the manual and a new version of tFORTH+ and firmFORTH. Tom and Ray also made sure that I received a copy of the CAI course, "Going FORTH" as soon as it was available on a 5-inch disk. CAI is a fantastic way to learn a new language.

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

tFORTH is a full coding of the fig-FORTH standard written by a member of the standards team. It is a useful addition to your arsenal of programming tools. If you are a beginner, do buy a copy of "Going FORTH" from Kenyon when you order your system.

WHAT EQUIPMENT DO YOU NEED?

Any 6800/6809 computer operating under FLEX.

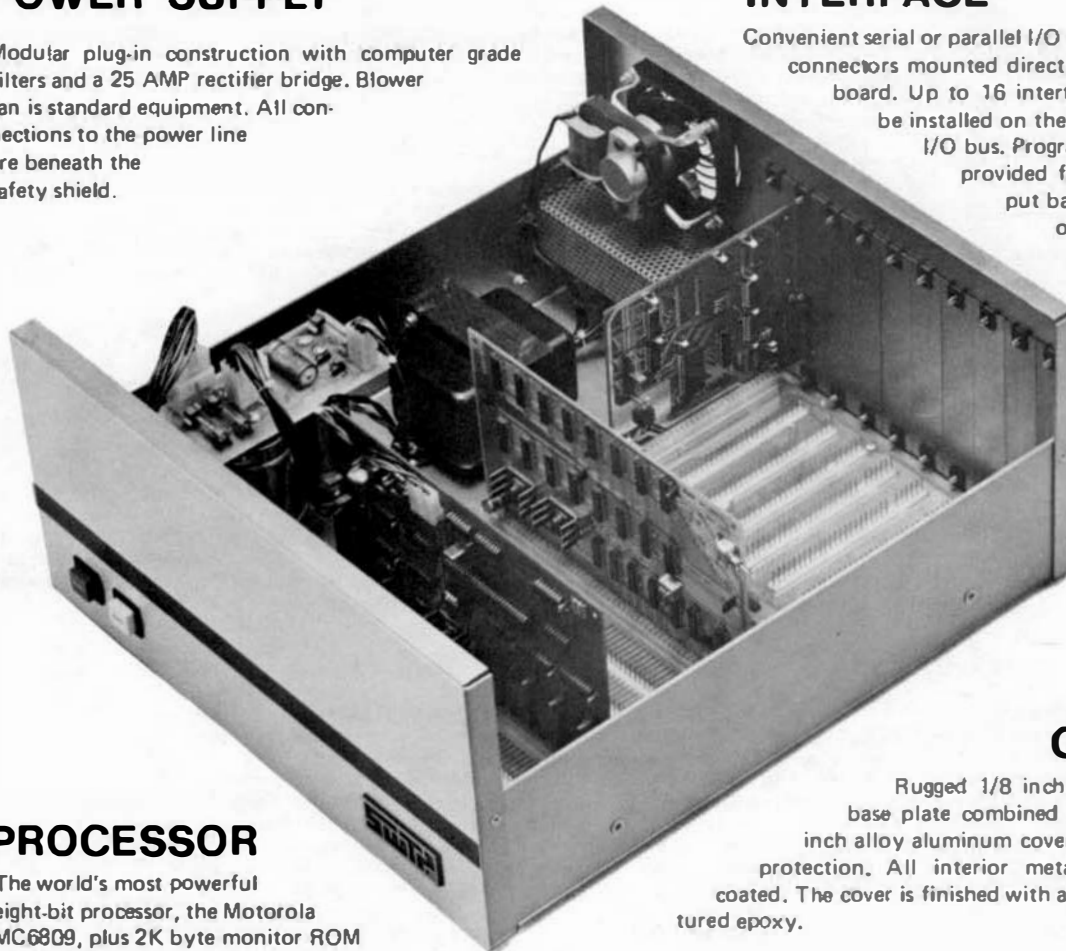
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SOFTWARE— The amount of software support available for the 6809 is incredible when you consider that it was first introduced in June, 1979. In addition to the FLEX9 operating system, we have a Text Editor, Mnemonic Assembler, Debug, Sort-Merge, BASIC, Extended BASIC, MultiUser BASIC, FORTRAN, PASCAL and PILOT.

69/K Computer Kit with 8K bytes of memory	\$ 495.00
69/A Assembled Computer with 8K bytes of memory	\$ 595.00
69/56 Assembled Computer with 56K bytes of memory	\$1,595.00



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6809 DISK SYSTEMS

All disk systems are supplied with our version of FLEX 9, the world standard disk operating system for the 6809. Our systems normally operate in double density format, but they are compatible with single density, or single sided recording formats. FLEX is supplied with over forty utilities, many of which are only available with our systems.

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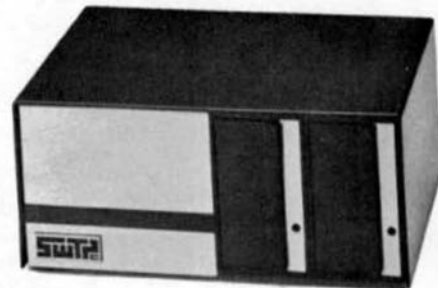
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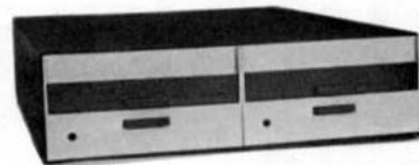
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D-5 or DT-5



DMF2



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A MINI-TOUR OF FORTH
by Dale L. Puckett

If you're a beginner and have only casually glanced at FORTH source code, you've probably been scared away. I have included this tutorial with my review of Kenyon Microsystems tFORTH to help belay some of your fears. Once you understand the language, it will really grow on you.

SAY HELLO

If you are like me, the first thing you do when you walk into a computer store is type, PRINT "HELLO DUMMY" on the keyboard of the consumer micro that's on display. Thank's to the miracle of read only memory, it probably answers you promptly.

If you try the same thing on a machine running FORTH it will probably say, "PRINT ?" and leave you scratching your head. So, let's get started by making the language say Hello.

It's simple. Just type, ." HELLO DUMMY". Most likely your friendly FORTH machine will echo HELLO DUMMY OK on the same line. The ." that you typed is a forth "word" that means print everything until you run into another quote mark.

You should note here that all FORTH words must be surrounded by at least one space on each side. This delimits the word from anything else you type. Also you might be interested to know that your words may be as long as 31 characters. In other words, PRINT-HELLO-FOR-ME could be defined as a word.

If you don't want the message to appear on the same line as your command, try this. CR ." HELLO DUMMY". Now let's move on by demonstrating one of FORTH's main features, its extensibility. What'd he say?

Type, : PRINT-HELLO-FOR E CR ." HELLO DUMMY" ;

FORTH will reply OK and you will have just defined your first FORTH word. If you don't believe it, type PRINT-HELLO-FOR-ME. Your micro will do a carriage return, line feed and print HELLO DUMMY. Of course, you could have called your word NAME. Then you wouldn't have to type so many characters. I'll bet you can already see the possibilities. Let's move on to the numbers.

NUMBERS GAME

Type your wife's age followed by a carriage return. FORTH will echo OK. It didn't even repeat her age. She'll love this language, uh?

Never fear, the number you typed hasn't disappeared. It's stored safely on the top of FORTH's stack. Type a . or DOT. You say your wife blew her stack when her age appeared on the terminal. Oh well, at least you know how to print the number on the top of FORTH's stack.

Just so you'll understand the stack a little better try typing your age, followed by your wife's age, followed by one of your children's age. Type a carriage return after each age just like you do when you answer BASIC's input prompt.

Now, type three periods. Make sure there is at least one space on each side of every period like this: . . .

Did you notice what happened. FORTH printed your child's age, your wife's age, and then your age. Why were they printed in reverse order? It's simple, you pushed them on the stack one at a time. FORTH then pulled them off and printed them one at a time. The last one you entered was on the top of the stack when you finished your entries. So, it was the first to be printed. FORTH uses what is called a First In, Last Out or LIFO stack. Go ahead, play around with a few more numbers.

IT ALL ADDS UP

Want to try some math? Type 10 10 + . followed by a carriage return. FORTH replied 20 OK didn't it. Congratulations, you have done your first addition.

Here's how it happened inside FORTH. The first 10 was pushed on the stack. It was followed by the second 10. Then, FORTH read the plus sign and consulted its dictionary. It discovered that + meant that it was supposed to take the top item on the stack and add it to the next item down and leave the result on the top of the stack. Finally, when FORTH got to the . it knew what to do. It printed the top item on the stack. I told you this stack stuff wasn't too bad. And, FORTH has other words for subtraction, multiplication and division. It even has a special word called MOD which will give you the remainder after a division.

Want to define another word? OK. Let's pretend that we need a word that will cause FORTH to add 10 to whatever is on the top of the stack. Try this. Type : ADD-TEN 10 + . ; FORTH should echo OK. Now type: 20 ADD-TEN. FORTH should answer 30 OK.

IT'S NOT REALLY GREEK

If you've glanced at FORTH before you have probably noticed a bunch of strange words that didn't make any sense. Let's look at a few of them.

DUP is pronounced dupe. It takes the number on the top of the stack and places another copy on the top. In other words, if you start out with a 10 on top and type DUP, you will have two 10's—one on top of the stack and one in the next position down as soon as you hit return.

Those other unfamiliar words carry out similar tasks. SWAP will reverse the order of the top two items on the stack. DROP will throw the top item on the stack away. Goodbye forever.

OVER will take the second item in the stack and put it on top. ROT will take the third item on the stack and move it to the top. MAX will save the larger of the top two numbers on the stack. Guess what MIN does.

To really learn these, you'll need to try them out. Type: 4 DUP + . I'll bet FORTH replied 8 OK.

Try: 4 DUP * . I'll bet the answer was 16 OK. While you're trying these, you're using one of FORTH's advantages to yours. I'll bet it never occurred to you that FORTH was interactive, did it?

LET'S PRINT SOME STARS

Let's move on and try something that requires some control. No, don't hold your breath. Remember that nasty GOTO statement in BASIC that caused you to chase some guys code all over three or four pages of type while you were trying to find out how he printed his name? You won't find it in FORTH.

What you will find, you'll like. You'll find DO LOOPS including, DO UNTIL and DO WHILE; IF THEN ELSE statements, relational operators, and a few more. We'll look at one of them here.

Let's write a short program. First we'll define a star. Type: : STAR ." * ;

Now every time you type STAR, FORTH will print a *. Now, pretend you have a need to print 10 stars. What do you do? You could type STAR 10 times but that would be boring. Let's create a new word.

Type: : 10-STARS 10 0 DO STAR LOOP ; FORTH should echo OK and if you type 10-STARS you should see ***** OK.

Let's take it one step further and consider an application. How would you print a histogram? First, you would need to be able to print a variable number of stars. The number of stars printed would depend on the value of the variable you wanted to represent pictorially on each line of the histogram. Here we go.

Type: : XSTARS 0 0 DO STAR LOOP ; FORTH will say OK. Boy, it sure is easy to please. Now, type: 10 XSTARS . Nine'll get you ten that it printed ***** OK. Right? Try 50 XSTARS . It's amazing, isn't it?

NO MORE SAVE AND LOAD

Want to know another secret? If you had used the editor that is part of FORTH to type the sequences into a screen, FORTH would have saved it for you automatically. Then, if you loaded that screen later, the words you defined would be put in the dictionary and you could use them at will.

Let's try something else. Have you ever been in a position where you knew you needed a particular bit pattern to make a machine do a specific task, but, it was a real pain to draw out a series of 1's and 0's so you could convert it to HEX, so you could go through another calculation you couldn't remember to convert it to decimal for BASIC. It's a piece of cake with FORTH.

Type: HEX 10 DECIMAL . FORTH answered 16 OK didn't it? Try this: 2 BASE 1 101 DUP HEX . DECIMAL . Did FORTH reply 0 13 OK? Now try: 7 2 BASE 1 . I'll bet you got 111 for an answer. Right?

Unfortunately, space here is limited and we must secure this mini-tutorial or it will no longer be mini. I'll leave you with only one thought--in the session above we have only looked at about a dozen of the 287 words available in the FORTH dictionary. It should keep you out of trouble for a while.

BIT Bucket

Dear Don:

As per our telecon on Tues 9-dec-80 it seems that a lot of people are wondering how to eliminate the date message on startup of FLEX 9.0 without bombing the STARTUP.TXT execution. It's a problem that seems to be quite trivial -- until you try it. After localizing the portion of FLEX 9.0 that is responsible for the message one needs to simply jump around it or NOP it

out as in FLEX 2.0. WRONG!! For some @1888888 reason the startup file just would not execute. After a full frustrating day of being determined that no such 'trivial' problem was going to set the better of us, I located the problem -- FINALLY!! It appears that the disk is accessed to open the startup file before the head has a chance to recover and hence the message 'DRIVES NOT READY'. The easy fix to this is to simply replace the date input routine with about a one second delay. Other systems may require a little more or less to work best. Here's my fix:

FLEX (TM) looks like this:

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ORG 1CASE FOR 0' OR 0CA50 FOR 5' DRIVES
.... Start patch here to eliminate date print
(CAD01
8E CAD01 SETDAY LOX 0DATMS0 SET UP DATE AND POINTER
DD CEB1 JSR PSTRNG (INTERNAL POINTER)
.... Start patch here to keep print out but eliminate input
8D CE2B JSR INBUF (INTERNAL POINTER)
8D 5B BBR INDEC2 GET DECIMAL 0 FROM BUFFER
25 F3 BCB GETDAT REPEAT IF ERROR
87 CCOE STA SYMTH SYSTEM MONTH
... repeats last three for 0' and 5' DRIVE
8D CEB5 CONT JSR PCRLF PRINT <CR> <LF>
(CEB4)
... set up for STARTUP.TXT execution

ORG 1CASE FOR 0' OR 0CA50 FOR 5' DRIVES
44 41 .. DATMS0 FCC /DATE (MM.DD.YY) / ,EQT
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One needs to replace the above code depending on whether you want to eliminate the date message (which you can replace with your own 17 character message if desired) with a delay.

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ORG (SEE ABOVE)
86 02 LDA #2
8E 0000 LDX 00
30 01 LOOP INX
26 FC BNE LOOP
4A DECA DECREMENT ORAND COUNT
26 F9 BNE LOOP
7E .... JMP 0CA7C 0' OR 0CA4E 5' DISK

ORG 1CASE 0' OR 0CA50 5' DISK
DATMS0 FCC /AT YOUR SERVICE / YOUR MESSAGE HERE
END
```

I have this eliminates a lot of problems for those people who have calendar boards in their system and don't like to type strenuous serbese on booting.

One last word (plus) here -- This letter was composed on the SYLLOGRAPH (TM) word processing system with a 640x24 video board and I just think this is the slickest editor/word processor since buttered toast. This is the first editor (and I've used more than 5 of the big ones) that lets me compose what I want to say and modify it while I'm typing it in. It's great for source code too!

Sincerely,

Matthew Scudiere
Del. Ridge, Tenn

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NEWS RELEASE

MARSEC-09, a monitor-in-ROM for 6800 55-50 bus systems, has just been introduced by Star-Kits, P.O. Box 200, Mt. Pleasant, MO 64590.

MARSEC-09 is a direct descendant of the popular MARSEC monitor for 6800 systems. It provides full control of a 6800 system from a serial terminal or keyboard/video board combination, including the ability to load, examine and dump memory; start, abort, and continue programs; single-step programs; insert and keep track of multiple breakpoints; control multiple I/O ports; link to user-supplied I/O routines, and more.

MARSEC-09 is designed for the heavy system user who needs a dependable, powerful, and -- most important -- predictable monitor. The price of \$75 includes two ROMs, complete manual, and either a full, commented source listing or source code on disk, as desired. Purchasers of 6800 MARSEC may get full trade-in credit toward MARSEC-09 when they upgrade to the 6809.

January 12, 1981

Mr. Don Williams
48 Micro Journal
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Dear Don,

Our office has used a 6470 6800 computer for word processing applications for about three years, and during the past two years or so have used a simple Peripheral Technology disk controller card operating under PEEK. The problems with disk file read errors and slow access time with this combination are legion, so in disgust I ordered one of their disk controller cards.

I suggest that you give these people a review in the '68 Micro Journal. I can not believe the quality of the card, the speed with which it was shipped, and how well it works. It's not terribly technically oriented, but I understand that the card has on-board data separation, and a few integrated circuits which make the 1771 more compatible with the S-50 buses. Furthermore, by simply changing a jumper and an IC, it'll be able to use the same disk controller with the 8008 system I'm building, which uses 16 addresses per IO slot instead of 4. And the card can also be used with 8" drives.

Since we've gotten the Data disk controller, I've noticed a very dramatic drop in disk file read errors (from about one a day to maybe one a month). In this business, we can't afford errors.

Anyway, I would suggest that you consider a review of this fine product.

Yours truly,
CARTER & SANDS, P.C.

Stephen L. Carter

CONNECTING THE HEATHKIT TERMINAL
TO AN MP-5 SERIAL INTERFACE

FRANCIS WASHEN
d Cite Strauss
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LUXURY/PURM/PURM

Recently I escaped my antique (at least fruitful) CI-1024 terminal for a new one. I wanted a terminal with following features:

- a display having at least the standard 24 lines and 80 columns format
- a baud-rate that should be selectable from the keyboard or under software control.
- a reasonable price
- a nice looking design and a sturdy enclosure

There exist a multitude of terminals satisfying points 1 and 2, and some are also good-looking, but finding one that allows to select the baud-rates from keyboard and under program-control (and not by flipping hardware switches) isn't quite easy. I found only two of them!

The first is the well-known CI-M7 from BATEPC, which I know well from having one at our school. This terminal has quite a lot of intelligence built-in, but it suffers from two drawbacks:

- the monitor holds in general only 16 lines (a seller format giving more lines may be nevertheless chosen by control-codes)
- the design is, in my opinion, simply awful, and the enclosure has the stiffness of a plastic yoghurt-pot.

So there remained terminal number two, and that was the Heathkit M19. I ordered one and built it in approx. 15 hours. Assembling the kit was a pleasure, as everything was up to the highest Heathkit standards. The case is very sturdy (in fact, some other computer-makers as AMT, VFCR and RAVEWATE (see add in this journal) use the same case and keyboard) and the 12" diagonal monitor gives a sharp display, without any jitter. The software capabilities of the M19 are too easy to enumerate, but they are easy to use.

Having assembled the terminal, I wanted to connect it to the MP-5 serial interface of my BATEPC 6800 computer. Alas, the terminal had the keyboard-selectable baud-rate I had been looking for, but for some mysterious reasons, the UART clock was not routed to the RS232 output connector.

Fortunately, the fix was an easy one: I connected the RAUDOUT pin (pin 15) of the UART to the input (pin 2) of a 74367 bus driver, and routed the output of the driver (pin 3) to pin 24 of the RS232 output connector. The 74367 driver had to be added to the logic board of the terminal: I fixed it on a portion of a wire-wrap board, that was mounted with a screw and a distance rail on the logic board, just at the left of the UART. I choose to follow the BATEPC convention they use when connecting their CI-M7 to an MP-5, so by decision to use pin 24 of the RS232 as output for the clock. BATEPC suggest tying the CTS and RTS handshake-lines on the terminal together: I did not follow that advice, and the terminal works without a single rise. (see Figure 1).

Only ~~one~~ the CTS line allowed me to connect in parallel to the terminal a BATEPC printer, which uses the CTS line of the MP-5 interface (see Figure 2).

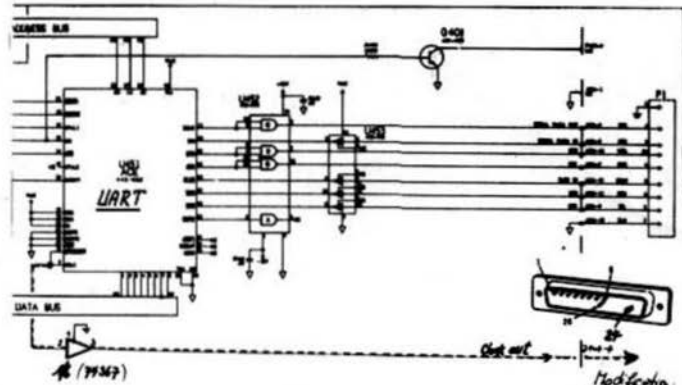
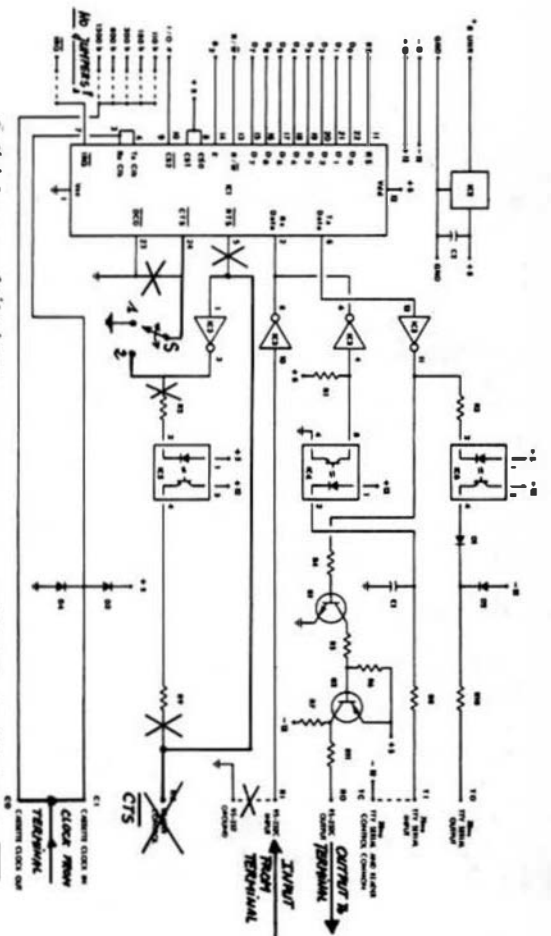


Figure 1

FIGURE 2

Switch 5 on 1: A/C always enabled by external device (courtesy SWTR)



HELP

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am inquiring about software or a print routine that would allow me to use the IBM Model 50 with my SWTPC 6800/A2. Presently my IBM Model 50 is being used with a SWTPC 6809 and MP-WP Interface. I am using the "SP" command that resides in FLEX 9 Version 2.6. Perhaps you know, or know someone who has, written a driver routine that can be used with the 6800. My attempts to decode and write the "SP" routine has so far been unsuccessful. Any information you may have concerning driver routines for the Model 50 would be very much appreciated. I have been an avid reader of 68' Micro Journal since your first issue. Keep up the good work. Ronald A. Mauceri PSC 6 Box 22 APO San Francisco, Ca 96277

Dear Sirs,

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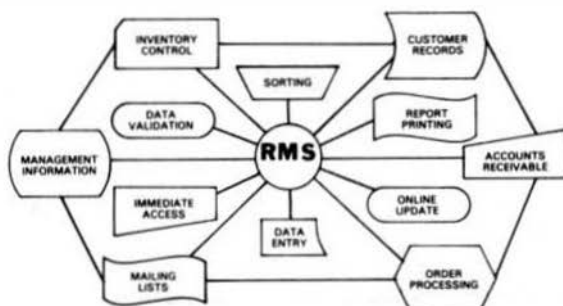
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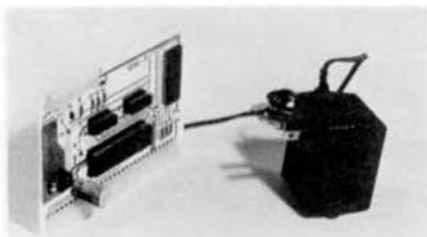
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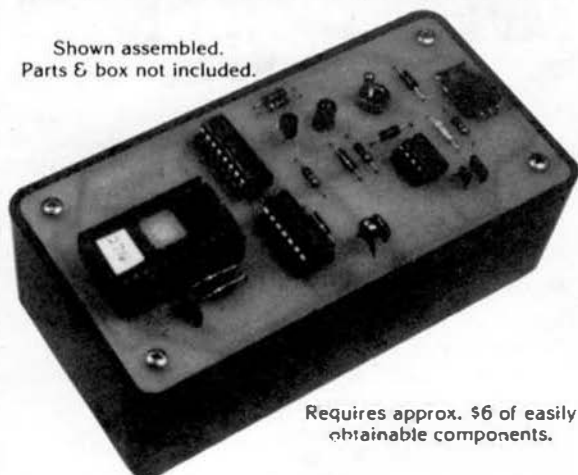


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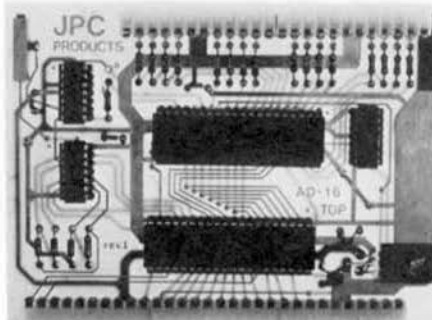
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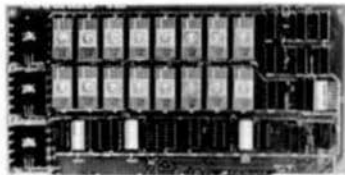


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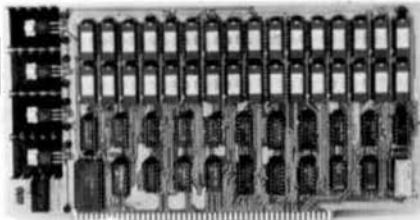
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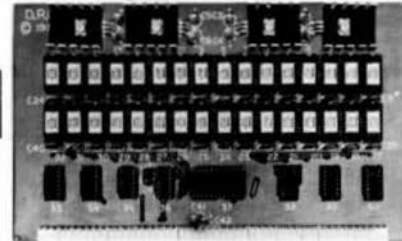
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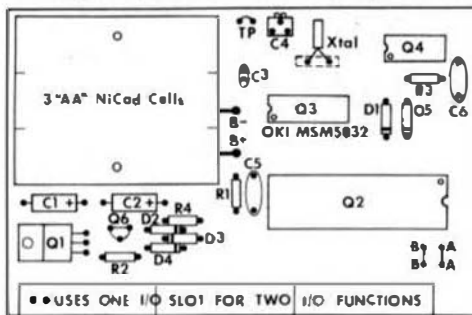
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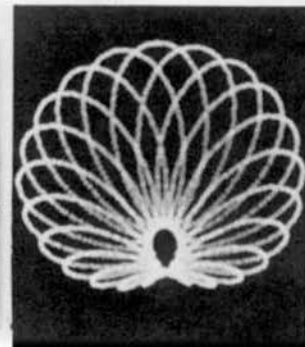
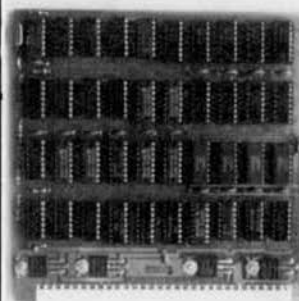
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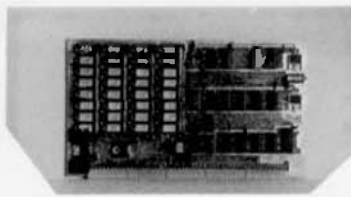
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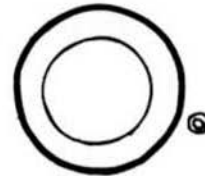
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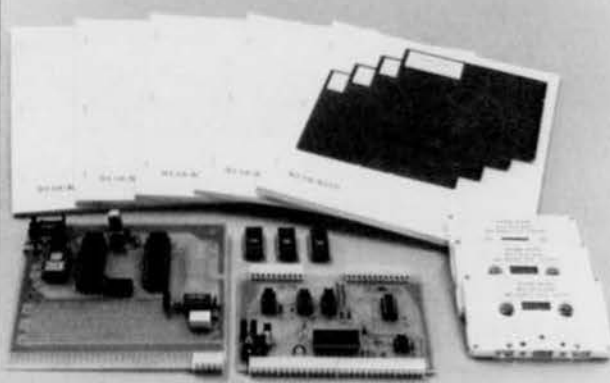
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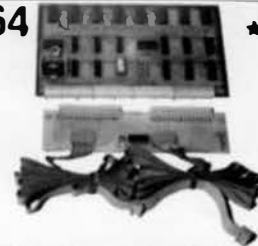
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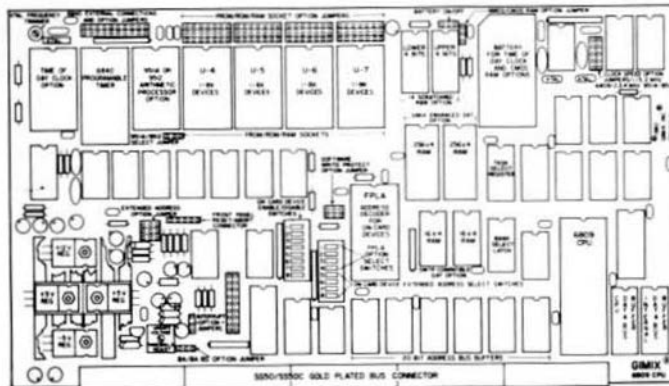
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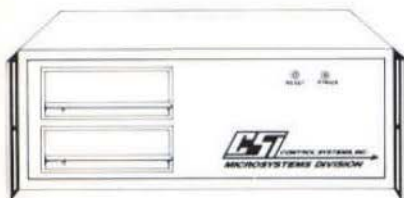
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